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LETTER DATED 28 FEBRUARY 1991 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ALGERIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement, dated 28 February 1991, by the spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning the latest developments in the Gulf situation. I would request that you arrange for the text of this letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

STATEMENT BY THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Following its withdrawal from Kuwait, Iraq informed the Security Council of its decision to comply with the resolutions of the United Nations. Since that time a suspension of hostilities has been observed.

The Security Council must consequently declare an immediate cease-fire and order the immediate withdrawal of all foreign forces from Iraqi territory.

It is also incumbent upon the Security Council to give the Secretary-General a mandate to act quickly to establish appropriate machinery with respect to peace-keeping operations for the consolidation of the cease-fire, the withdrawal of foreign forces from Iraqi territory and an exchange of prisoners.

It is Algeria's understanding that once the withdrawal of Iraq's forces from Kuwait has been completed, the rationale for some of the measures which the Council has taken against Iraq will no longer exist.

The lifting of these measures and the commitment on the part of the Security Council to guarantee respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iraq and Kuwait are needed to promote calm and a climate conducive to the reconstruction of Iraq and Kuwait.

Algeria maintains that future security concerns are the responsibility of the countries of the region alone.

It reminds the members of the Security Council and the entire international community of their commitment to seek an urgent and definitive solution to all the problems in the Middle East and to the Palestinian question in particular.

The promotion of stability that is lasting and genuine also requires that all nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction be eliminated from every part of the region.

Acting in the framework of the Arab Maghreb Union, Algeria calls for a rigorous and uncompromising appraisal of the consequences of the tragedy that has been thrust upon the Arab nation and expresses its readiness to unite its efforts with the efforts of those who are concerned with drawing the true lessons from this tragedy in order to find anew reasons for believing in their common destiny and in the abiding worth of the values embodied in their civilization.

Algiers, 28 February 1991